

Dear SIC Members and Supporters:

This issue of *SIC Clips & Quips* (Volume 6, Issue 5) is sent to share information of special interest to our state's School Improvement Councils.

SIC Member Reporting Deadline for 2013-14 is November 15! – Please remember that the statutory deadline for local SICs to update their annual membership information to the SC-SIC Member Network is this **Friday, November 15**. In order to enter this year's information, Member Network account users (which are principals, their school staff designees and/or SIC District Contacts) must update their log-in and password information for the current school year. (For Network security reasons, all log-in/password information must be tied to a school/district email address.) Directions can be found via this link, <http://sic.sc.gov/scsicismembernetwork/Pages/index.aspx>, or by contacting SC-SIC Digital and Web Director Claudia Wolverton by email at wolverto@mailbox.sc.edu. Member Network account users who have not already received a new password for this school year are encouraged to not wait until the last day to request one or they may not receive it in time to meet the deadline. Reporting your SIC's membership information through the Member Network in a timely fashion is a requirement of state law and provides SC-SIC with the information necessary to keep in contact with SIC members across the state throughout the school year to share news and important updates impacting their roles and responsibilities.

Does the Work of Your SIC Deserve Statewide Recognition? – If your SIC accomplished great things in the last school year, prepare your SIC's application for SC-SIC's annual *Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence*. The deadline for Level One applications for the 2014 Riley Award is next **Friday, November 22**. The Riley Award was created in 2002 to honor the significant contributions made to public education by the nearly 15,000 School Improvement Council members and the 1,100-plus SICs which serve every public school in South Carolina. Named in honor of former SC Governor and US Education Secretary Dick Riley and his late wife, Tunky, the Award recognizes the couple's longstanding commitment to quality public education. For more on the Riley Award, including application materials, award process timeline, and other award information and guidelines, visit the following link: <http://sic.sc.gov/awardsandrecognitions/Pages/index.aspx>. Should you have any questions or need additional assistance in applying for the 2014 Riley Award for SIC Excellence, please don't hesitate to contact the SC-SIC office at 1-800-868-2232.

SC-SIC is Seeking Two Council Specialists – If you live in the Pee Dee or Central Savannah River Area and are interested in a part-time job working with local School Improvement Councils in those regions of the state, one of these new grant-funded positions could be for you! For more information, click on the following link: <http://sic.sc.gov/Documents/RegionalCSPositionAnnouncement-Final.pdf>. Resumes and cover letters will be accepted through **Friday, November 29**.

It's Never Too Late for SIC Training! – While the fall is typically the busiest time for SIC training, the SC-SIC staff conducts sessions across the state throughout the year. Have your SIC members received training in *SIC Basics*, *Leadership & Advocacy*, *SIC Goal Setting* or *Communicating With the Greater School Community*? Such sessions are vital to new and more seasoned SIC members so that they can know more about their roles and responsibilities to their school communities. The SC-SIC staff would be pleased to visit your district and provide the training your SICs need. Just contact the SC-SIC office at sic@mailbox.sc.edu or 1-800-868-2232. For more on SIC training opportunities and resources, click on this link: <http://sic.sc.gov/TRAININGANDRESOURCES/Pages/default.aspx>.

Remember, *SIC Clips & Quips* is sent to all SIC members and supporters who share their email addresses with us. Please feel free to print out and share this information with fellow SIC members who may not have received it. We are here to help you, so please contact us any time!

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